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SUBJECT: CHINESE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION: OVERFLIGHT/LANDING
CLEARANCES AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 197609, (B) STATE 211167, (C) STATE 211584

1. OVERFLIGHT/LANDING CLEARANCE. IN MEETING WITH USLO OFFICERS MORNING

SEPT 6, MFA INFORMATION DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL LI PAO-CH'U CONVEYED
APPROVAL OF OVERFLIGHT/LANDING CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR TWO PANAM
AIRCRAFT BRINGING
BACK ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION OBJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (A).
SHE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT FULL ROUTING STARTING FROM API SHOULD READ:
API 2935 NORTH AND 12400 EAST TO 3130 NORTH AND
12330 EAST TO SHESHAN 3126 NORTH AND 12215 EAST TO HENGSHA RADIO
BEACON 3121 NORTH AND 12149 EAST TO LUNGHWA RADIO BEACON 3107 NORTH
AND 12127 EAST TO SHANGHAI AIRPORT. BOTH AIRCRAFT WILL BE REQUIRED
TO STOP OVER IN SHANGHAI TO PICK UP CHINESE PILOT AND
RADIO OPERATOR TO ASSIST FLIGHT TO PEKING. (TIME ON GROUND IN SHANG-
HAI AS ESTIMATED IN REF A.). THE FUEL AND GROUND
EQUIPMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE AS REQUESTED.

2. BILLING. LI INFORMED US THE CHINESE WOULD EXPECT TO SEND BILL
FOR THESE SERVICES DIRECTLY TO USLO. USLO OFFICERS RAISED NO OBJECTION.

WITHOUT DRAWING ANY DIRECT CONNECTION, BUT OBVIOUSLY EXPECTING US TO
INFER ONE, LI PASSED ON CAAC'S CONCERN THAT PANAM HAS NOT PAID BILLS
SENT TO IT ON OCTOBER 13, 1973, FEBRUARY 21, 1974, APRIL 11, 1975,
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AND APRIL 30, 1975. THESE APPARENTLY WERE BILLS FOR BOOKING AND

TICKETING SERVICES. WE SUGGEST THIS COMPLAINT BE BROUGHT TO PANAM'S ATTENTION. REGARDING BILL THAT CHINESE PLAN TO SEND TO USLO FOR SERVICES FOR THE UPCOMING SPECIAL FLIGHTS, PLEASE SEND INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY. THESE SHOULD INCLUDE FISCAL DATA IF BILL IS TO BE PAID BY OR THROUGH USG. IF INTENTION IS TO PASS BILL TO PANAM FOR DIRECT PAYMENT, WE WILL WANT TO INFORM CHINESE OF THIS ON SEPTEMBER 8.

3. ARRANREMENTS IN PEKING. CHINESE ARE PLANNING TO DELIVER CRATES CONTAINING THE EXHIBITION OBJECTS TO THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM THE SAME EVENING AIRCRAFT ARRIVE. CURATOR AND STATE DEPT REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMPANY OBJECTS. UNCRATING AND FORMAL

HANDOVER WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM (NOT THE PALACE MUSEUM). CHINESE ARE NOW PLANNING FOR COVEY AND MS. PALMER TO REMAIN IN PRC ABOUT TWO WEEKS. WE HAVE INFORMED CHINESE WE HOPE TO HOST A SOCIAL FUNCTION.
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